## STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 14-JUN01

**CODE:** 2012 International Building Code

**SECTION:** 1013.6 Mechanical equipment; [B] 304.11 Guards

QUESTION: Are guards required when repair or replacement work is being done on

mechanical equipment on the roof of an existing commercial building, where the mechanical equipment is located within 10 feet of the roof edge?

ANSWER No. The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries regulates fall

protection requirements for work on rooftops under WAC 296-155. Where appropriate fall arrest equipment is used, in compliance with the WAC requirements, guards are not required to be installed on existing commercial

buildings.

**SUPERSEDES:** None

**REQUESTED BY:** City of Shoreline Building Department